

## CLERICAL ERROR IN HEADLIGHT ACT

Changes Construction of Law  
and Causes New Complications  
in North Carolina.

### COMMISSION HEARS CASE

Chamber of Commerce Names  
Business Men to Work for New  
York-Atlanta Highway.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 24.—That an important clerical mistake was made during the enactment of the electric headlight act of the recent Legislature was the conclusion reached today by representatives of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, contending for the enforcement of the law, and representatives of the railroad companies, who opposed the bill and are now seeking special exemptions.

The law, as it finally came to be ratified, calls for the equipment of one-fourth of the locomotives used on all main lines not now equipped, whereas the intent was to require the railroad companies to equip one-fourth of all the locomotives in their service each year until all are so equipped. Under this construction of the act the Seaboard Air Line would not have to install any more electric headlights during the present year, as it has 122 locomotives in the Carolina main line service, and thirty-two of these have electric headlights.

The hearings as to exemption asked by the Seaboard Air Line and the Atlantic Coast Line consumed the entire afternoon, and the whole matter was taken under consideration by the Corporation Commission. The Southern did not make an appearance. The Atlantic Coast Line asks exemption of all its lines on the ground that the road is so straight and devoid of curves or grades as to make the electric headlight unnecessary, and furthermore that the electric headlight is not really a safety appliance in that the excessive glare destroys the effectiveness of the lesser signal lights and impairs the ability of engineers to distinguish between different colored lights. Of officers and engineers of the Coast Line unite in asking exemption of all locomotives on that line. Among the Coast Line engineers appearing to testify against electric headlights were John McMillen, Wilmington; John Donlon, J. G. Mills, F. M. Holly and others, of Rocky Mount.

President Charles E. Johnson, of the Chamber of Commerce, announced to-night the special committee to co-operate in the movement for the great New York-Atlanta highway to pass through the State capitals in its course through the South. The committee is composed of Colonel Johnson, Josephus Daniels, C. B. Barbee, E. C. Hillier, F. A. Olds and Mayor J. S. Wynne.

The chamber is in correspondence with the commissioners of each of the North Carolina counties through which the highway would pass in crossing the State. These are Granville, Vance, Franklin, Washington, Union and Richmond. Indications promise the most liberal co-operation in the effort to secure this course for the great highway.

### ELECTRIC MOTOR MEN MEET.

Most Important Business Yesterday Was Old-Fashioned Virginia Dinner. HOT SPRINGS, VA., May 24.—The annual meeting of the American Association of Electric Motor Manufacturers began here today, and the sessions will continue until Thursday. About sixty members from various parts of the country are in attendance. The principal business before the convention will be the "standardization of motor products in relation to prices."

The initial session was called to order by President George M. Donaldson, of Charlottesville, Va., after which several papers were read. At the close of the afternoon session the entire party went to Passiflor Farm to discuss an "old-fashioned" Virginia dinner.



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## COMMENCEMENT AT WAKEFIELD

Interesting Program Arranged  
for Final Exercises at High  
School.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
WAKEFIELD, VA., May 24.—A recital of unusual excellence was given in the Wakefield High School Auditorium on Friday night under the direction of the Citizens' School Improvement League for Wakefield District, by Miss Daisy Powell Wilson, of Petersburg, reader, and Miss Mabel Nunnally, of Petersburg, soprano.

Miss Christine Ellis, director of the music department in the Wakefield High School, assisted at the piano, and Miss Minnie Blanton, member of the High School faculty, rendered several violin solos.

Notwithstanding the extremely inclement weather, the people in and around Wakefield did not fail to show their appreciation with a well filled house.

An interesting feature of the commencement exercises of the High School, which occur May 26-28, will be the contests in declamation, recitation and essays, for which gold medals will be awarded to the victorious competitors.

Out of a class of thirty High School and seventh-grade pupils who have competed in declamation and recitation, and have delivered the same before the faculty, seven girls and five boys have been chosen to speak in the final contest, which takes place on Thursday night.

The names of the contestants for essay prize, and the program for Friday night and Saturday morning exercises will be announced later.

On Wednesday night the program will consist of the music recital and of class exercises by the primary and the third and fourth grades. The exercises on Thursday night will be conducted by the Victorian Literary Society. Following is the program in full:

Chorus, Victorian Glee Club, "Wake, Wake, Wake!" address, A. L. Lincoln, "Aims of a Literary Society and the Place It Should Take in the High School." Contest—Lizzie Cofer, "The Raven"; Eva Faison, "Robert"; Grace Faison, "Uncle Daniel's Prayer"; Laura Faison, "The Little Newsboy"; Patti Hargrave, "How Ruby Played"; Mary Harris, "Sister and I"; Olivia Morris, "The Sacrifice of Gulliver"; chorus, Victorian Glee Club, "Don't You Cry, Ma' Honey"; Ira Clements, "Is the Terra-plena a Fish?"; Oliver Gwaltney, "The South"; Willis Kitchen, "Summer and the South"; Frank Laine, "Charge of the Light Brigade"; piano duet, Misses Ellis and Brittle; chorus, Victorian Glee Club.

## FAKER, IN CLUTCH OF LAW, CONFESSES

Old Man Sent Telegrams to Himself,  
self, Forging Name of  
Collier's.

### WAS LIVING DOUBLE LIFE

Wife, Now a Resident of Norfolk,  
Knows Nothing of Husband's  
Operations.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., May 24.—Chief of Police Reynolds returned from Cape Charles to-night, bringing with him William Bluet, alias John Brower, alias John J. Morris, etc., who is alleged to have been traveling through Virginia and North Carolina for the past three months collecting money here and there upon drafts authorized by telegrams, to which the names of P. F. Collier and son had been forged. The prisoner was wanted in Newport News on the charge of forging the Collier firm's name to a draft for \$20, which was cashed at the Bank of Williamsburg.

Sent Telegram to Himself.  
Bluet stopped here last March, sent a telegram signed P. F. Collier Jr. Son, asking for \$20 for expenses. He then went to Williamsburg, received the telegram, and proceeded to get his money from the bank. On Saturday he was arrested at Cape Charles, charged with attempting to turn the same trick.

The telegram in this case was sent from Norfolk, and the amount to be drawn was \$25. He failed to get the money, however, and a telegram from the bank to Frank Gregg, Collier's agent at Norfolk, caused Bluet's arrest. The Cape Charles authorities were unable to prove anything, and allowed Chief Reynolds to take the prisoner.

Bluet made a complete confession to the chief. He is an Englishman, sixty-five years of age, and has a married daughter living in Washington. His second wife, whom he married in Raleigh, N. C., six years ago, is now living in Norfolk, and knows nothing of her husband's operations. The man is a jeweler, and worked in a Washington establishment last winter.

### SUCCESSFUL FIRST YEAR.

Williamsburg Female Institute Directors Much Pleased With Work.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
WILLIAMSBURG, VA., May 24.—Despite the many difficulties attending the founding of a boarding school, the Williamsburg Female Institute is nearing the close of its maiden session, much encouraged by the success of its first year's work. The remaining weeks of the expiring term will be devoted to reviews, examinations, preparation for the closing exercises, which are as follows:

Commencement sermon, Sunday, May 30, 11:15 A. M., Rev. E. T. Wolford, Newport News, Va.  
Evening services, under the direction of the Young Women's Christian Association, Sunday, May 30, 8 P. M., chapel of William and Mary College.  
Musical recital, Monday, May 31, 8 P. M.

Annual address, Tuesday, June 1, 11 A. M., Rev. Russell Cecil, D. D., Richmond, Va.  
Commencement exercises, Tuesday, June 1, 12 M.

Annual meeting of educational board of Norfolk Presbytery, Tuesday, June 1, 2 P. M.

### Alumni to Raise Fund.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
LYNCHBURG, VA., May 24.—Twenty members of the class of '09 of the Virginia Christian College have banded themselves together to raise \$1,000, to be known as the alumni scholarship fund, to be invested and increased from year to year. The proceeds from this fund to be used to educate some deserving boy or girl. The members of the class pledge themselves to raise \$50 each for this fund. J. Kemper Dawson and Sam Hack Music are president and secretary, respectively, of the class.

## News of Manchester

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch,  
No. 1102 Hull Street.

Interest now in this city is centered in the special meeting of the Street Committee, to be held Thursday night, when the petition from the Seaboard Air Line Railway, asking permission to extend its tracks up Sixth Street to a point near Hull, will be considered. The matter has been thoroughly thrashed out by the sidewalk politicians and all kinds of rumors have been afloat. It is thought that the members of the committee was preparing to make a decided fight against granting the petition, and that he was marshaling his forces for the fray.

When seen last night, the member in question stated that he was doing nothing of the kind, that he had never said how he would vote on the question, and that he would not decide until the matter was up before the committee and he saw what was in it. Some of the property holders of the First Ward are objecting to it, especially the new kind of the widening of that section who have acquired homes. Should the petition be granted, which present conditions seem to indicate will be the case, the company will erect a large freight depot and warehouse near the corner of Hull and Sixth Streets and will extend its tracks from the present line up Sixth Street to the site. The contemplated improvements mean an expenditure of \$50,000 and greater freight facilities for the city. Provided the petition is granted, it is rumored that the Atlantic Coast Line will begin extensive improvements to its property in this city and that the American Tobacco Company will erect several large storage warehouses near the depot.

Carnival Is a Crowd.  
The opening night of the carnival, which is now going on near Twenty-first and Hull Streets, was attended beyond expectations. Crowds swarmed the cars and many walked. Even automobile parties went out. Snailers, barkers and boosters of all descriptions were on hand and did everything in their power to get the crowd to the respective attractions. Everything on earth can be seen, from the largest snake to the smallest man that ever lived. Shows, merry-go-rounds, cane rings and what not were there galore. There was plenty of contest. The crowd, however, was good natured.

The management evaded paying a neat sum in the way of a license to the city of Manchester for the right to show in Swanboro, just beyond the city line. It gets no fire protection from the city, however, and a member of the department has been placed there that it would not respond to an alarm from that source except to afford protection to the residents surrounding.

Ready for Council.  
Clerk Hall of the City Council has

notified Clerk August of the Richmond Council that the recently appointed consolation conference committee, of this city, had met and organized and was ready for business. So far nothing has been heard from the other side of the river. The committee from this city is ready to discuss the union of the two cities.

It was thought that the matter would come before the Common Council of Richmond at its meeting last night, but it was not touched upon. The members of the committee from this city have recently become actively interested in the Acts of the Assembly, and each member is supplied with a copy, which he can be found busily perusing at most any time.

### Politics May Warm Up.

Politics may warm up at Powhatan Courthouse to-day, when court opens for the trial of the last two negroes indicted for the murder of Mrs. Skip-

### Special Notice!

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Leave Old Point, 4:50 and 8:15 P. M.  
Leave Newport News, 5:25 and 8:40 P. M.  
Arrive Richmond, 7:00 and 10:30 P. M.  
Notice—Excursionists can leave Ocean View every hour until 7:30 P. M., connecting at Old Point with 4:50 and 8:15 trains. Norfolk round trip tickets also good via Ocean View in either direction leaving Norfolk via Ocean View Railway 7:00 P. M.

with and Mr. Johnson. In all probability, both candidates for the House of Delegates will be on hand. While both have been canvassing in a quiet way for the past few weeks, the contest is not exciting much interest, and is seldom discussed. A large crowd from this city will leave this morning for the courthouse, and it is thought that the trial, the contest attendant on the trial, the contest for the House of Delegates from this district may take on new life.

Delegates Elected.  
The various councils of the Jr. O. U. A. M. of this city have elected the following delegates, to attend the meeting of the General Assembly, June 1, at Long Island City, N. Y., on June 8: J. C. Blake, New South County; J. D. Reams, Rocky Ridge Council; P. S. Barrett, Liberty Council, and Willis C. Pulliam, Davis Council. The meeting will be held at the Hotel Richmond, at 10 o'clock, and it is thought that all the delegates from this city will attend.

High School Commencement.  
Though the fall program has not so far been completed, the Manchester High School commencement exercises, which will be held in Leader Hall on Monday, June 15, promise to be the most elaborate yet held. The School Board has not definitely decided on the date, but it will be near that already mentioned. The exercises will precede the commencement proper and will be held in the High School Building in the afternoon. This year has been very successful and members of the board and corps of teachers are highly gratified.

Annex Nearing Completion.  
Work on the annex to Bainbridge Street Baptist Church is going steadily along, all the walls and outer work having been completed. The contractor is now busily engaged in finishing the interior, and the whole structure will soon be completed. The walls are made of plain red brick and the building will present a very pretty appearance. It will be used for class rooms.

Personals and Briefs.  
The regular monthly meeting of the Buildings and Lands Committee will be held at the Council chamber Thursday night.  
The Monday Euchre Club met last night at the home of Miss Ella Mayo at Fifteenth and Porter Streets.  
John Tyson, who was formerly an employee of the Southern Railway in this city, was a visitor here yesterday. Mayor Maurice had only one case before him yesterday morning, Sallie Harris, charged with assaulting Miss Morton, claimed that she was only playing, and was let off with a fine of \$2.50. She failed to pay it and went to jail.  
J. T. Wescott, who was paralyzed some months ago while at work on the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, is extremely ill at his home on Hull Street.  
E. B. Howie, editor of the Bee, came near losing his pocketbook, containing a sum of money, when pickpockets attempted to extract it from him on a Richmond street-car last week. Mr. Howie became aware of their intentions before they accomplished their

purpose, and the men escaped. There were several in the party.

The collection taken up in the Manchester Methodist churches Sunday will be used towards the erection of a church of that denomination in Woodland Heights. A site for the building has been purchased, but has not been paid for yet.

Mayor Maurice has not so far issued the proclamation calling on the citizens to take part in Cleaning Day. The proclamation was asked for by the Health Committee.

The local tribe of Red Men met last night and took a pale face into the mysteries of the order.

Thomas A. Franklin is visiting friends in this city.

### SHOT AND FATALITY HURT.

Perry Foltz Wounded by Young Man

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
LURAY, VA., May 24.—Perry Foltz was shot and perhaps fatally wounded by a young man, at Stanleyton, this county, yesterday. The weapon was a .22-calibre rifle, and the wound inflicted is in the back of the head or neck. Stoneberger, claims that the shooting was accidental, but conflicting reports make a true history of the shooting. Foltz is a married man. Stoneberger is about

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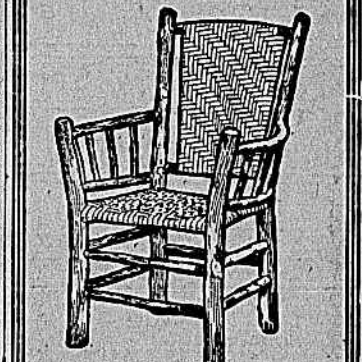
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### STORY IS FABRICATION.

Authorities Put No Credence in Charges Made by Jailbird.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
TAEWEEL, VA., May 24.—The county authorities place no credence whatever in the story told by Bailey, the Princeton jailbird, regarding the murders of T. E. George, and it is said that George Graham, the man in jail here, charged with the crime, knows nothing whatever about it. The authorities say that Bailey's story is a pure fabrication.



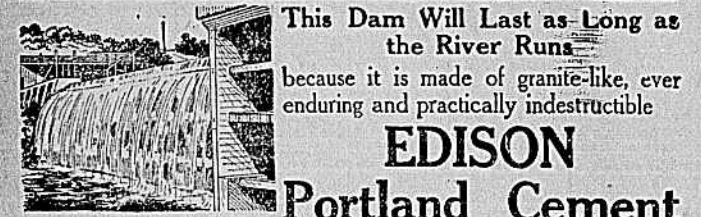
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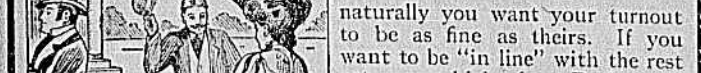
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